Statement

Language-wise books of translation published during 1994-95.

SI. No.	Name of language	No. of books translated
1.	Assamese	5
2.	Bengali	S
3.	Dogri	1
4.	English	12
5.	Gujarati	5
6.	Hindi	30
7.	Kashmiri	2
8.	Konkani	3
9.	Maithili	2
10.	Marathi	4
11.	Oriya	4
12.	Punjabi	1
13.	Rajasthani	1
14.	Sanskrit	1
15.	Sindhi	2
16.	Tamil	10
17.	Telugu	1
18.	Urdu	6

Sick public sector drug companies

2011. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister for CHEMICALS XND FERTILIZERS be pleased to State:

(a) the details of public sector drug companies which arc sick at present;

(b) the details of the losses suffered by these companies, company-wise and year-wise for the last three years;

(c) the action being taken to revive them; and

(d) the details of the drugs imported during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Four Central Public Sector Drug companies, namely, Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), Bengal Immunity Ltd. (BIL), Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (BCPL) and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (SSPL) have been formally declared sick by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The net losses suffered by these companies in the last three years were as under:

Rs./Crorcs

Name of PSU	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
IDPL	83.44	69.64	69.93*
BIL	7.26	9.50	5.69
BCPL	12.74	10.98	6.38
SSPL	6.64	6.99	4.38*

'Provisional, Unaudited.

(c) The revival packages for all these four companies have since been approved by the BIFR and are under implementation. The revival packages, inter alia, envisage higher production/ sales, business/capital restructuring, reduction in excess manpower, financial support from the Government, cooperation and sacrifices from the cmplyees, etc.

(d) The estimated imports of drugs and pharmaceuticals were as under:

Years	Rs./Crorcs
1992-93	1100
1993-94	1440
1994-95	1800

Honouring the guincss record holder in stenography

2012. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether a proposal for financial grant has been made to the Ministry for honouring the Guiness Record Holder in Stenography; and

(b) if so, when was the proposal made

and the details of the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Programmes for Betterment of Children

2013. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government is embarking on the twin programme of better strategy and compulsory primary education for children to improve the lot of the children in India;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to start this programme;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh has been selected for implementing this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) to (d) Provision for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of 14 years is a Constitutional mandate under Article 45. The strategies for universalising elementary education are set out in the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 and its Programme of Action as updated tabled in Rajya Sabha in 1992. Many centrally sponsored programmes like Operation Blackboard, Non-formal Education and District. Institutes of Education and Training have been taken up, the details of which including the assistance given to Andhra Pradesh are given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry.

Survey on Iron-Ore Deposits in Gujarat

2014. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Department of Geological Survey of India during the last three years to assess the availability of iron-ore deposits in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any private sector group has come forward for setting up of the iron-ore plant in the State;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in this direction and whether any agreement has been signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (e) The information is being collected from the concerned and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-availabitity of latest Agricultural Technology in Uttar Pradesh

2015. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that latest advanced agricultural technology and know-how has not reached in Central and East U.P. in adequate measure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Following initiatives have been taken for dissemination of advanced agricultural technology in Central and East Uttar Pradesh.

(i) Extension services have been strengthened in Eastern Uttar Pradesh through the World Bank assisted